

खुदरा बित्री कन्द्रों डीलरशिपों के लाइसेंस
रद्द कर दिये गये हैं।

Pending dealers Cases

1981. SHRI SHIBU SOREN:
Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
AND NATURAL GAS be pleased
to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more
than 5000 cases of dealerships of
petroleum and L.P.G. are pending
for selection for more than a year;

(b) if so, details thereof and by
when the selection procedure will
start;

(c) whether it is a fact that a
panel of 50 ex-judges is to be set-
up for the purpose; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that
an amount of Rs. Six crores has
been already spent in the process
of setting up Selection Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN
THE MINISTRY OF PETRO-
LEUM AND NATURAL GAS
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANG-
WAR): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. More
than 5300 locations are pending for
selection of dealers/distributors all
over the country. Government has
decided to constitute 52 Dealer
Selection Board (DSBs), of which
43 DSBs have already been consti-
tuted and with this the process of
selection has already been set in
motion. As these DSBs have been
constituted recently, it may not be
possible to quantify the expenditure
incurred thereon at present.

Drilling Operation for CBM in Raniganj

1982. SHRI DIPANKAR MUK-
HERJEE: Will the Minister of
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL
GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether "Well Release Order"
was issued by ONGC in November,

1996 to evaluate methane potential
of all the coal seams of Raniganj
formation;

(b) whether a rig was decided to
be transferred in the area for drill-
ing purpose as per a release order
in April, 1997 from WRBC and
ONGC; and

(c) if so, the present status and
the reasons for the delay in taking
up drilling operation for CBM in
Raniganj area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN
THE MINISTRY OF PETRO-
LEUM AND NATURAL GAS
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANG-
WAR): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) After taking the decision re-
ferred to in (b) above, ONGC on
1.8.97 decided to await the imple-
mentation of the new policy of Go-
vernment for undertaking CBM ex-
ploration based on ONGC's assess-
ment of the offered blocks and pre-
ferably in strategic alliance with a
partner. Thereafter, ONGC, on
28.11.1998 have applied for the
grant of a Petroleum Exploration
License (PEL) for CBM explora-
tion in one of the blocks of Ran-
iganj basin. The said PEL is to be
granted by the Govt. of West Ben-
gal with the prior approval of the
Central Government. ONGC now
proposes to commence the CBM
exploration in this area after the
grant of the PEL.

Exploration of coal bed methane in Vidarbha region

1983. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
Will the Minister of PETROLEUM
& NATURAL GAS be pleased to
state:

(a) whether in depth studies of
the formation of vast coal basis in